

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for allowing claims 1-28. Applicant also thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 31 and 34 would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and all intervening limitations. The claim set has been revised as suggested by the examiner and, accordingly, the requisite dependent claims have been added for consistency in order to complete the claim set.

Claim 29 has been canceled; claims 28, and 30-35 have been amended; and, claims 50-55 are new. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-28 are allowed; and, claims 30-36, and 50-55 are now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance regarding the same.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 29, 30, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Haas et al., Journal of the American Oil Chemists Society 72(5):519-25(1995)("Haas"). Applicant has revised the claim set as suggested by the examiner to expedite allowance of the claims and intends pursue any remaining claim scope in a continuation application. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested for the pending claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Haas. Applicant has revised the claim set as suggested by the examiner to expedite allowance of the claims and intends pursue any remaining claim scope in a continuation application. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested for the pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for

allowance. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested for the pending claims.

No further fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would further expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4388.

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